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1. Officials sent abroad on business are not always seen by the security authorities before leaving Czechoslovakia. Neither are all of them always questioned upon their return.
2. Before departure, one official was instructed to report at the Czech Legation upon his arrival in the Western country. When he reported there as instructed, one of the employees there told him that it was not necessary for him to report because his presumed stay was for only a week. However, such particulars as his passport number and place of residence were noted. At the same time he reported the date of his intended departure, which was also noted. He chose the hotel where he stayed quite independently and believes that he was not under surveillance by his own people.
3. Prior to his departure from Czechoslovakia this official was provided with some foreign currency as spending money and a letter of credit on a bank abroad for a daily allowance equivalent to £ 3,11,00 plus some reserve funds for justified official entertaining.
4. When officials return to Czechoslovakia, they have to submit technical reports and, in addition, are expected to make speeches, usually to fellow employees, in which they have to describe the standard of living of the country they have visited.
5. Up to the end of 1953 a married official sent abroad could leave his wife and children behind in Czechoslovakia. Children of school age had to be left in Czechoslovakia to attend school.
6. The present policy of the Czechoslovak authorities is that the wife and all children up to the age of six must go abroad too. School-age children still stay behind.

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